

Free Europe Committee, Inc.

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 12, 1963

To: The Executive Committee

Reference:

From: The President

Subject:

In accordance with your suggestion, there follows a brief summary of my discussion on July 8 with Congressman Fascell.

Mr. Fascell had suggested that I testify during the hearings of his subcommittee held last spring, but I was unable to do so due to absence in Europe. Mutual friends thereafter suggested that we should get together and accordingly I called on him in his Washington office last Monday. I was very much impressed by his obviously sincere and keen interest in making these hearings a useful means of contributing to the overall improvement of the U.S. efforts in cold war operations. He indicated a particular interest in exploring the possibilities for making greater use of the potential of private organizations in this country in the cold war. I think he would like to wind up the hearings later this year with some solidly thought out recommendations in this field particularly. While I do not know what further hearings of the committee will cover or when they may occur, he did ask me to testify and asked for suggestions, a few of which I gave him, as to others in the private sector who might have something to contribute since I rather assume he will also ask additional government witnesses to testify.

I did not get the impression that his thinking has fully jelled as yet as to what final recommendation his committee will eventually make. He seems to have an open mind and to be approaching the whole problem of cold war operations and organization with intelligence and a sympathetic attitude toward the problems of the Administration and the various Departments concerned.

As I indicated to you in our brief conversation, I believe it is quite possible that he will be able to make a constructive contribution in this field.

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